Development of Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

3778. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a lift chair is being proposed from Darmi Dhar Fort to Larri-Madan and from Larri-Madan to Chhechehra-Hills around Rajouri town;

(b) whether Government would ask for such a proposal for approval from Government of Jammu and Kashmir for extending Centrally sponsored scheme to the State for Tourism Development; and

(c) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed the Central Government that the State Government have no proposal to install the lift-chair around Rajouri town.

(b) and (c) Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, the Department of Tourism, Government of India in consultation with the States/UTs extends financial assistance every year to them for projects identified depending upon their *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Development of tourism in Rajasthan

3779. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals sent by Government of Rajasthan for development of tourism and the total amount sought for this purpose from the Central Government; and

(b) the total amount to be provided by the Central Government in order to implement these proposals and by when?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India provides financial assistance to States/UTs for

development of infrastructure at tourism destinations identified in consultation with them. Projects in Rajasthan State have not been identified as yet for financial assistance during the year 2002-03.

Depiction of places of Cultural Revolution

3780. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to boost tourism depicting the places of "Cultural Revolution" throughout the country;

(b) if so, the places so identified for this programme; and

(c) the amount earmarked by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India grants financial assistance every year to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for tourism development projects identified in consultation with them.

(b) and (c) The proposals for the year 2002-03 have not yet been finalised.

Handing over of control to BBMB

3781. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to provisions of Punjab Reorganisation Act, the Control of Ropar, Harike and Ferozpur Head works vested with Punjab was to be transferred to Bhakra Beas Management Board, but it still remains with the Government of Punjab;

(b) if so, the steps taken to hand over the control to BBMB, and the reasons for failure to do so; and

(c) the Rajasthan Government's plea in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1996 provides for the administration,